IN THE ABSTRACT

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A portable camera with integral printer device. The said camera includes a digital image capture device for the capturing of digital images; an integral programming language interpreter connected to the digital image capture device for the manipulation of the digital image; and script input for inputting a self documenting program script for the manipulation of the digital images.

The script is executed by the interpreter so as to modify the image in accordance with the script so to provide a printout of a modified image on the integral printer.

REMARKS

The official action and the citations raised by the Examiner have been carefully considered. In particular, US Patent No's. 5,757,388, 5,999,697 and 6,006,039 to Stephenson, Murase and Steinberg respectively have been considered.

It is noted that appropriate amendments have been made to the abstract in response to the Examiner's comments regarding the proper language and format for an abstract.

As a result of the official action, claim 1 has been amended. More particularly, claim 1 has been amended to limit the script to a self documenting style script.

With regard to objection item 8, Stephenson and Steinberg have been studied and it is respectfully submitted that Stephenson and Steinberg are not relevant to the present invention as defined in amended claim 1. Steinberg teaches a camera with the capability of being programmed by an external device through a serial port or PCMCIA device, and of downloading a particular operating system and adjusting operational parameters (abstract, Col 2 lines 18 to 46). Steinberg provides no disclosure or suggestion of an integral printer device.

Stephenson discloses an inkjet printer secured to a camera (Fig 3, Col 2 line 63), but provides no disclosure or suggestion of a script input means for inputting a script for the manipulation of a digital image captured by the camera.

Neither Stephenson or Steinberg discloses or suggests providing a script input means to allow inputting of a <u>self documenting</u> script for the manipulation of the digital image captured by the camera, and it is therefore respectfully submitted that the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would not have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the subject matter pertains.

With regard to objection item 9, it is noted that Murase does disclose the features noted by the Examiner, however Murase provides no disclosure or suggestion of an integral printer, nor does Murase disclose or suggest that the script input means could allow the inputting of a self documenting program script for the manipulation of a digital image captured by the camera.

Hence, when considering Murase in light of Stephenson it is respectfully submitted that the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would not have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the subject matter pertains.

Hence, it is respectfully submitted that the invention as now claimed in claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over Stephenson, Steinberg and Murase and is not obvious in the light thereof.

Further, it is noted that claims 2 to 15 depend from claim 1 and are therefore patentably distinguishable over Stephenson, Steinberg and Murase for at least the same reasons as for claim 1.

It is noted that responses to Office Communications for US 09/113,055 and US 09/113,069, also issued by Examiner P. Kim, are being forwarded separately.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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